



2009 Kentucky HOSA State Leadership Conference

State Theme: "Building Heroes Together With HOSA"



Approximately 860 of the state's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) members, their advisors, health educators and professional guests gathered in Louisville from March 3-6 to participate in the 31st annual Kentucky HOSA Meeting and State Conference.

Congratulations 2009-2010 Kentucky HOSA state officers

Front row (l to r): Joe Rollins, Corbin ATC, parliamentarian; Kelsy Adams, Mayfield/Graves Co. ATC, president; Kendal Violet, Marion Co. ATC, vice president; and Jon Linn, past president. Back row (l to r): Shelby Millay, Breckinridge Co. ATC, historian; DeAnn Wright, Franklin Simpson High School, treasurer; and Dairee Gore, Louisville Central High School, secretary.



The 2009 Kentucky HOSA conference provided students with an opportunity to participate in leadership and skills competitive events that reinforce what they have been taught in the classroom. Students competed in events including health science, health professional, emergency preparedness, leadership, teamwork, recognition, and demonstration categories. Competition was intense and the state's outstanding students became heroes of their respective schools. Winners will compete during national conference at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN from June 24-27.

Photo: Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC health science instructor Patty Preston poses with her Public Health Disaster Preparedness Team (l to r): Lynsey Ceiser, Brian Durr (local treasurer), Kelci McIntosh, and Chelsie Linzy (local parliamentarian).

The project: What is a Tornado? The team researched the topic and came to conference prepared to discuss the difference between a tornado watch and warning, what to do to ride out a storm, what makes up a good disaster kit and how it will help you to survive. They were also armed with a plethora of factoids about tornados.

Preston:

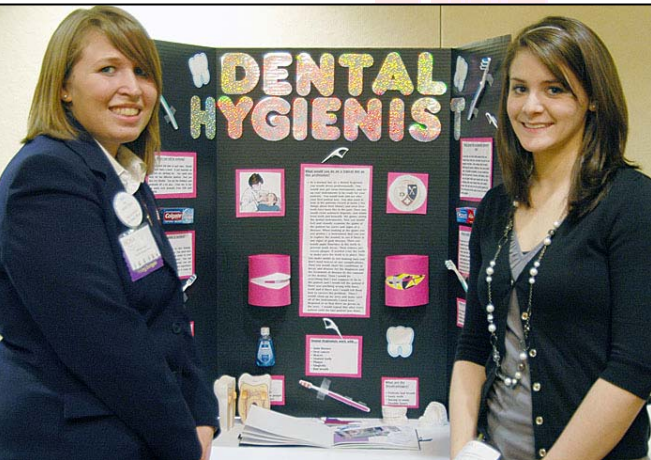
“This team has been the team that could because they have survived a break-up and reformed to come out stronger and beautifully prepared.

“These students have worked before and after school. They have been dedicated.”





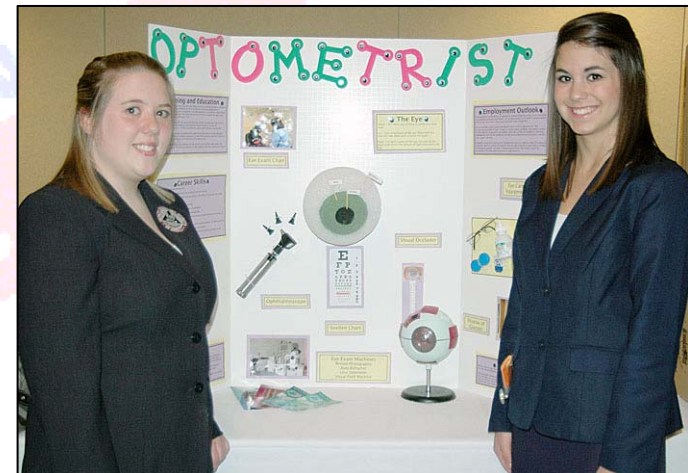
HOSA is endorsed by the United States Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of the Association of Career and Technical Education. It is charged with promoting career opportunities in the health care industry and enhancing the delivery of quality health care to all people. A powerful tool, HOSA's Program of Work serves as an excellent way to boost health science curriculum. When integrated, HOSA showcases the challenging and relevant course material students learn in career and technical programs, while at the same time building communication, team, and leadership skills.



Career Health Display

Top row (l to r): Franklin Simpson HS – Kathleen Smith and Danielle Suddarth (advisor, Cindy Phillips); Franklin Co. CTC – Brianna Wilson and Amy Winans (advisor, Melissa Harrod); and Clinton Co. ATC – Micaiah Gray and Danielle Riddle (advisor, Margaret Boils).

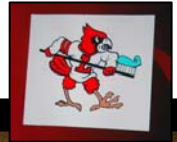
Bottom row (l to r): Butler Co. ATC – Wesley Bellah and Dakota Cumbee (advisor, Teresa Rogers); and Harrison Co. ATC – Brooke Kendall and Stephanie Fryman (advisor, Ellie Pribble).





During this year's conference, students were exposed to educational symposiums and a health career expo. Perhaps this part of the conference served as one of the best professional development opportunities students experienced during their Kentucky HOSA student organization experience. Why? Quite simply - it brought students face to face with professionals who serve on the front line.

According to Dedra DeBerry, Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC) health education coordinator, "The purpose of the Health Career Expo is to expose students to a variety of careers in the health professions by providing 'hands-on' interactive demonstrations that explore various aspects of different health disciplines."



University of Louisville – School of Dentistry

Photo at right: Dianne Foster, RDH, MA, and director of Dental Student Affairs talks with Chelsea Vaughn, a McCreary Central High School student.

Dr. Donald Gambrall, professor emeritus, U of L, prepared a promotional PowerPoint and offered the following:

"I don't think young people know enough about the dental field.

"Our purpose is clearly to take care of that deficiency and excite people to become part of the profession."



Photo far right: Lee S. Mayer, MS, DMD and director of Community Dental Health talks with Chelsea Hutchinson, Breckinridge Co. ATC.

Mayer:

"Our purpose is to provide students with a human connection to the University of Louisville's Hygiene and Dental School.

"The idea is that we are real, not just an unknown. We are real people who are interested in finding great applicants that do have in interest in oral health."



Transfusion Matching – Northeast Area Health Education Center

Presented by: Julia Flannery

At right: Carla Wallace, Ohio Co. ATC health science instructor and HOSA advisor believes the symposiums were of great benefit to students.

“These sessions open the eyes of our students to different career opportunities that we don’t always get to cover in the classroom. This learning experiences gives them more of a birds eye view of what is available.”



Above photo back row (l to r): Wallace and Julia Flannery, health careers education coordinator, Northeast AHEC. Front row (l to r): Ohio Co. ATC students Ashley Burnette, Crystal Wilkerson, Michelle Wofford, and Anna Embry.

Flannery:

“Our main goal is to help medically underserved areas and the best way to introduce health care careers to students is in the middle and high schools.

“HOSA is even more beneficial to AHEC because these students are already involved in health care (from an education standpoint) and we can target these students.”

Photo at left: Flannery goes over different blood types.

Type	Antigens	Antibodies	Donate	Receive
A			A, AB	A, O
B			B, AB	B, O
AB	 Universal Reciever	No anti-bodies	AB	AB, A O, B
O	 Universal Donor		A, B, AB, O	O



At left: Franklin Simpson HS students Christney Thomas and Hillary Sliger look at cells through microscopes as Dr. Alberteris provides them with instruction.

Both students agreed that it was good to see other professions to be able to decide what to pursue.

According to Dr. Alberteris, the number one issue in the laboratory is protection. He suggested using gloves, lab coats, and glasses.

At right: Tiffany Young, a Waggener Traditional HS health science student, takes part in testing the level of glucose in urine.

Pam Misleh, health science instructor, Waggener Traditional HS

"This is our first year as a full-time program, so this has been an amazing opportunity for my students to meet professionals in the health care field."



**Clinical Lab Science – Northwest AHEC
Dr. Iosbani Morales Alberteris**



Above: A packed session.

Below: Tucker demonstrates how to set up for Laparoscopic surgery. The key element in laparoscopic surgery is the use of a laparoscope.



“No Bones About It” Surgical Technology Connie Tucker, Maysville CTC

This session provided an overview of what a student can expect in the field of surgical technology including educational requirements, employment expectations, salary, and what it takes to be part of a team of medical practitioners who provide surgical care to patients.

**Connie Tucker, CST
Coordinator – Assistant Professor
Maysville Community and Technical College**

“The value of holding this type of symposium gives students a window in understanding the opportunities available in the surgical technology field.”



Tucker explains to (l) Christie Glasscock, Marion Co. ATC and Karen Compton, Green Co. ATC how some of the equipment is used during a surgical procedure.

Exhibitors - This year, HOSA participants were able to visit with numerous exhibitors offering information in a variety of areas.

The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program is a collaborative effort with the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center, and eight regional centers. It's mission is to improve the distribution, utilization, retention, and quality of physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals by providing educational services.

The state's eight centers work closely with the universities, community medical facilities, and local health professionals to offer programs and services unique to their region.

For more AHEC information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.mc.uky.edu/ahec/> (UK AHEC)

<http://louisville.edu/medschool/ahec/> (U of L AHEC)

<http://www.neahec.org> (Northeast AHEC)



Photo: Carlos Marin, UK AHEC; and the Wayne Co. ATC group including Angelea McGuire, local HOSA president; Cally Phillips, Ashley Daniels and instructor LeShaunda Neal.

“By taking the time to talk with these exhibitors, students gain useful information that they can apply to their future,” says Neal.

“I am going to be a surgeon,” said Phillips. “Talking with these professionals will open up opportunities for me.”

Exhibitors

The Kentucky Organ Donor Registry (KODA) organization educates individuals about organ donation. According to printed material, “more than 95,000 Americans, including more than 740 Kentuckians are awaiting life-saving organ transplants.”



At left: KODA education coordinator Charlotte F. Wong (l) and Evelyn Glass, KODA community education coordinator, answer questions about organ donation for Lynda Hall, a nursing student at Rowan Community and Technical College.



Above: Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) regional admission manager Sharon Puckett talks with Marion Co. ATC students Ann Rachelle Newton and Kaylor Pettit.

Puckett:

“By attending this conference, we are getting the people who are interested in the health care field. We can give information and guide them to get on the right path.”

Photo at left (l to r): Emily Miller, Hughes Jones Harrodsburg ATC health science student and local HOSA treasurer talks to Melissa Payton, a recruiter with Baptist Hospital East, Louisville.

“We recruit students to work in our hospital while in college and then take a position with us when they graduate,” said Payton.

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA)



Photo: KHEAA outreach counselor Gene Neis and Leslie Co. ATC health science instructor and HOSA advisor Teresa Napier.

Napier:

"I brought five students to this conference and each one has been to this exhibit."

"Over the years, I have found that many students need help filling out their forms. I'm glad someone thought about inviting KHEAA to conference."

"This is great material to take back to school and I have several students who will benefit from this information."

Neis:

"Anytime there are high school students around, we promote how to go to college."

Exhibitors

Spalding University

According to Beth Huff, admissions counselor at Spalding University, one reason for participation in the conference is to have an opportunity to speak directly with students about what Spalding has to offer. "Students inside of Louisville tend to know us, but students outside of Louisville do not know that we are the oldest bachelor level school in nursing in Kentucky," said Huff.

In addition to participating as an exhibitor, Spalding University provided a \$500 scholarship for first place winners in medical math, nutrition, concepts of health care, and clinical nursing.

Photo below (l to r): Breckinridge Co. ATC students Greta Cesarz, Karly Dzurney, and Ashlen Brady pose with Huff.



HOSA students campaign for state office



Above: Joe Rollins, Corbin ATC, parliamentarian and his mother and advisor, Julia Rollins, Corbin ATC health science instructor.

Rollins:

"As a teacher and advisor, I am proud of Joe and what he has accomplished. As a conscientious student, he is detailed oriented, responsible, and very dedicated to HOSA. He has been a local officer for the past two years and competed at nationals last year as well. Any teacher would be proud to have him enrolled in class."

"As his mother, I am extremely proud of Joe. I have enjoyed watching him grow in his education and seeing him become more enthusiastic about becoming a family physician. I look forward to sharing this journey with him."

Joe:

"I love parliamentary procedure because it is vital and important in running meetings."



Above: DeAnn Wright, Franklin Simpson HS, treasurer.

"I have gained valuable experience this year and feel that I can do the job even better next year."

Photo at right:
Shelby Millay,
Breckinridge Co.
ATC, historian
with her health
science
instructor and
HOSA advisor
Bridget Shartzter.

"Creativity is an asset that I can bring to Kentucky HOSA," says Millay.



HOSA students campaign for state office



Above: Dairee Gore, Louisville Central HS, campaigning for secretary with her manager Tayler Kiggins.

Dairee is a student of veterinary science instructor and HOSA advisor Tammy Wright.

"I want to be secretary because I will work hard for HOSA and I believe I can bring some great things to the state officer team."



Above: Kendal Violet, Marion Co. ATC, campaigns for the office of vice president.

Kendal is the first freshman to serve as Marion Co. ATC local HOSA vice president and run for the state office. She is a student of health science instructor and HOSA advisor Christie Glasscock.

Kendal:

"I'm determined and I believe that the skills I have learned as our local vice president will transfer to the state vice president leadership position."

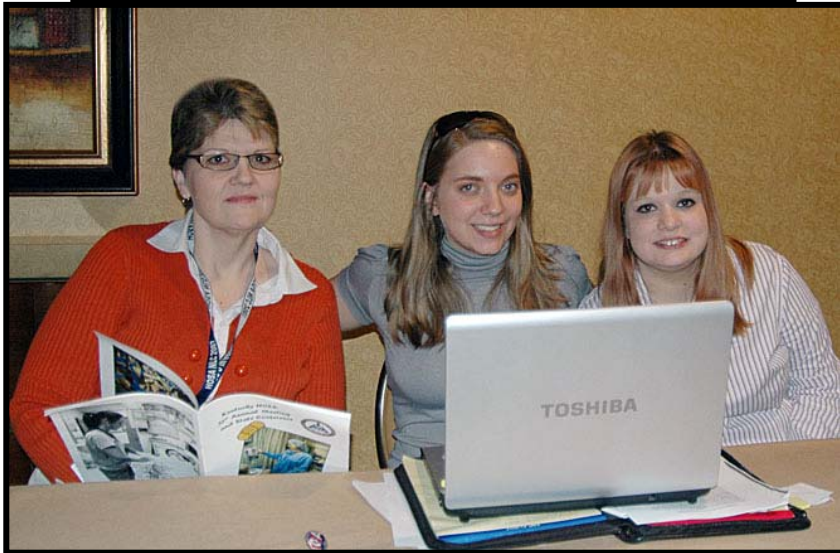


Conference Participants

Photo below: Anita Pike, Lake Cumberland ATC health science instructor and two of her students, Suzzanne Conover, the local HOSA president and Victoria Thorpe.

Conover has competed in concepts of health care knowledge since she was a freshman. She won first place during her sophomore and junior years, and placed sixth at nationals last year.

"Attending state HOSA conference gets students involved. They can learn how to succeed and make contacts for future reference," says Pike.



Shelby County ATC Bio-Medical Debate Team
Topic: Cord Blood

Team members agreed that preparing for this competitive event allowed them to learn about leadership, communication and public speaking skills – as well as researching their subject.



(l to r): Anndrea Smith, Kellie Washburn, Jana Gilliam, and Angelina Ethington.

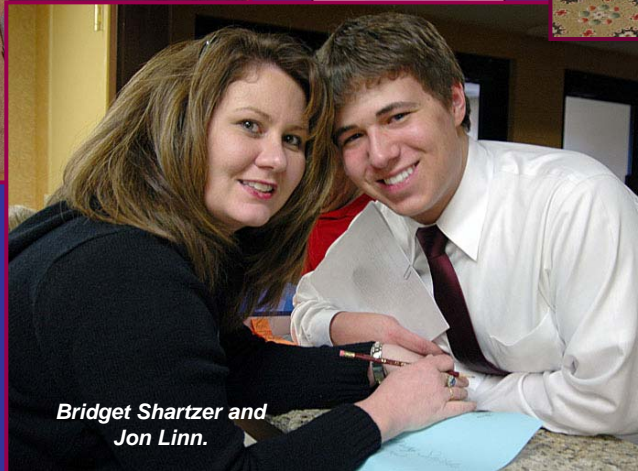
"We've learned a lot about this topic and it has given us an insight about the importance of umbilical cord blood," said Gilliam.

All are students of Shelby Co. ATC instructors Peggy Williford and Sherry Allen.

Conference Participants



Above: Three generations of HOSA – (l to r): Pat Dennison, OCTE consultant; Caitlyn Kerr, Lake Cumberland ATC and her mother Sonya Whitis, a former HOSA member.



Bridget Shartzter and Jon Linn.



At right: Breathitt Co. ATC students.



Above, (front row l to r): Mason Co. ATC health science instructor Mary Beth Riggins and principal Melanie Jamison pose with students they brought to state conference.

"HOSA provides students with a great opportunity to learn, network and demonstrate the skills they have learned in the classroom," said Riggins. "And, students always remember this positive experience."



Above (l to r): Margaret Boils, Clinton Co. ATC and Carla Wallace, Ohio Co. ATC.

"Building Heroes Together With HOSA"

Upon conclusion of HOSA's Kentucky Leadership Training Institute (KLTI), Lincoln Co. ATC health science instructor Jill Stone found herself in charge of organizing a project to promote this year's state HOSA conference theme: "Building Heroes Together With HOSA".

Excited about the possibilities, Stone enlisted the help of wood technology instructor Sonja Baker and Lincoln Co. High School art instructor Kim Evans. Through their collaborative efforts, two super hero billboards were designed and created.

Stone researched "super hero" figures for the project. Baker's wood technology students made the super hero wood frames and stands. They also cut a circle in each board that would allow students to look through the board. Evans' students painted the backdrop, and drew and painted the figures. The whole project took ten days to complete.

Taking the whole idea a step further, Stone went to Lincoln Co. ATC information technology instructor Amy Tracy for help in creating a conference banner. Tracy immediately turned the idea into a class competition.

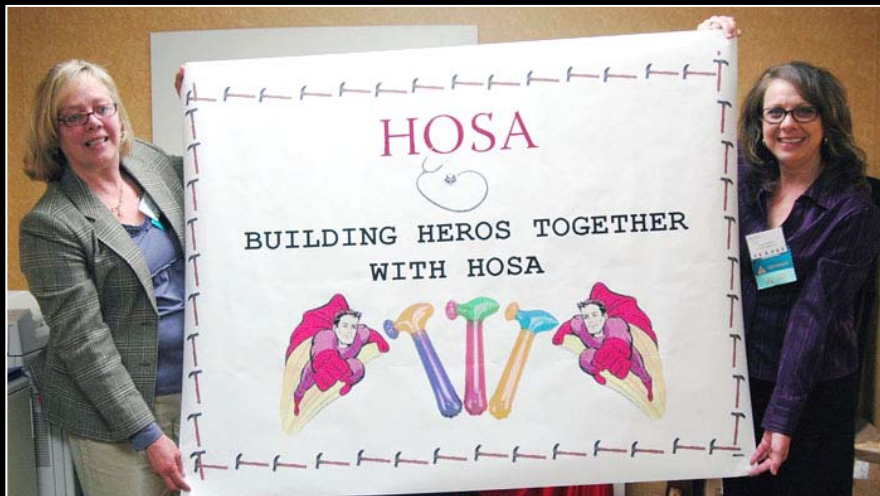
"This was a great collaborative project," said Tracy. "My GIS Software Tools class became involved in the competition. Fifteen students took this on as a project and used an ArcMap program to create a banner. My students enjoyed working on this project because it was something different using the software we use in class."

Nathan Coffey, a Garrard Co. HS student enrolled in Tracy's IT program won the competition. The banner was displayed on HOSA's main stage.

At left: Winning BANNER, (l to r): Stone and Gwen Fitzpatrick, health science instructor, Garrard Co. ATC satellite program at Danville High School hold up the first place banner.



Above: Jill Stone peers through the opening of her female super hero while Matt Beard, state HOSA vice-president, looks through the male super hero billboard.



2009 HOSA staff

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Bridget Shartzer, Breckinridge Co. ATC

Amy Winger, WKU

Jon Linn, 2008-09 HOSA President

2009-2010 Kentucky HOSA state officers and their advisors

Event Lieutenants

Category I – Health Science Events

Martha Williams, Martin Co. ATC

Category II – Health Professional Events

Tammy Combs, Lee Co. ATC

Verna Stacy, Breathitt Co. ATC

Category III – Emergency Preparedness Events

Jill Stone, Lincoln Co. ATC

Gwen Fitzpatrick, Danville High School

Category IV – Leadership Events

Donna Lynch, Meade Co. ATC

Joni Ferguson, Barren Co. ATC

Category V – Teamwork Events

Christie Glasscock, Marion Co. ATC

Category VI – Recognition Events

Pat Dennison, OCTE

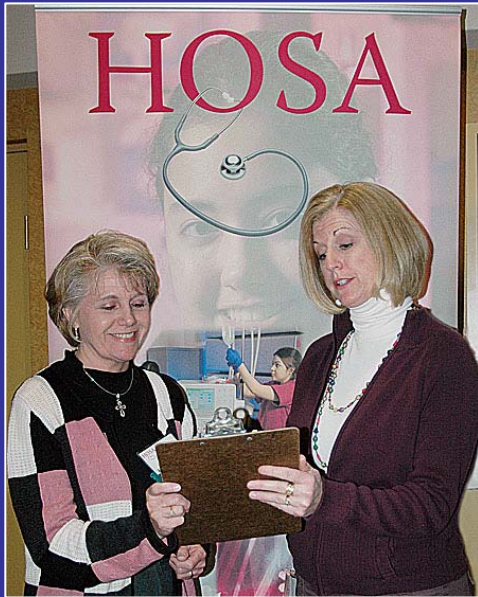


Above: Bullock, Nealis and Ferguson.



Above: Kentucky HOSA executive council

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At left: Martha Williams, Martin Co. ATC health sciences instructor and Courtesy Corps coordinator Karen Smith (KDE health science consultant and HOSA executive council) go over cc schedule.



Above (l to r): Lieutenants for Category #2 - Verna Stacy, Breathitt Co. ATC and Tammy Combs, Lee Co. ATC.

At right: Anita Coleman and Wayne King double check competitive event information.



"Conducting the Sports Medicine event has been a very challenging experience," said Stacy. "We have learned a lot and enjoyed working together to make this a successful experience for our participants."

"HOSA helps prepare students to make appropriate education choices and assists them in being a holistic person," said Combs. "It's all about growing the person."

Scholarships for HOSA state winners



Eighteen HOSA events qualified for scholarship awards. Students who won first place in any qualified event and who plan to enroll at Spencerian College in any of the following programs are eligible to receive:

\$1000 –Certificate program (2 quarters)

\$2000 –Diploma program (3 or 4 quarters)

\$3000 -Associate Degree program (6-9 quarters)

**Scholarships will be awarded at \$500 per quarter up to the amount of the total scholarship. Second and third place winners receive \$500 the first quarter.*

Southeast Community & Technical College

\$500 – Eastern Kentucky regional winners who won first place at state HOSA.

St. Catharine College

\$1,000 – Patriot Challenge regional winners who won first, second or third place at state HOSA.

Ann C. Vescio Scholarship

The Ann C. Vescio Scholarship Award was established to recognize students who have made significant contributions to the HOSA organization, to HOSA members, and to others through HOSA activities. The amount of the stipend is determined by the amount of money available in the Kentucky HOSA Treasury and voluntary contributions by local HOSA chapters.

This year, each student received a \$300 scholarship.

2009 Ann C. Vescio Winners

Leslie Smith, Lincoln County ATC

Jessica Kirk, Martin County ATC

Julia Gritchelow, Breckinridge County ATC

Nick Hall, Maysville CTC

Spalding University

\$500 - first place winners in medical math, nutrition, concepts of health care, and clinical nursing.

The environment at state conference allows students to network with other students, learn about a variety of health care fields and health care issues, listen to professionals during a number of educational symposiums, run for an office, and compete in leadership and/or skill events.

Elizabeth Bullock
State HOSA Advisor:

“KY HOSA has served our health occupations students for 31 years.

“Each year we face new challenges and opportunities in our ever changing economy; however, our students and teachers continue to meet the challenges head on. This ‘can do’ attitude enriches our curriculum and the opportunities available for our students.

“My hat is off to our HOSA members for another successful year and conference.”



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By: Fran Dundon



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For a listing of 2009 Kentucky HOSA state conference winners, click here for the official 2009 HOSA State Conference PowerPoint